

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 14, 2011

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ITEM NUMBER: 10

SUBJECT: Resolution for Adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Olin Aquifer Containment and Cleanup System, Santa Clara County (Resolution No. R3-2011-0210)

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KEY INFORMATION

Facility Name Olin Aquifer Containment and Cleanup System (ACS)
Facility Owner Olin Corporation
Location: 425 Tennant Avenue, Morgan Hill, 95038
Discharge Type: Industrial
Design Capacity: 1.1 million gallons per day
Treatment Type: Perchlorate-specific ion exchange resin
Disposal Method: Treated groundwater via injection wells; spent resin disposed at a landfill facility as nonhazardous waste

This Action Adopt Resolution R3-2011-0210 approving CEQA findings of Mitigated Negative Declaration for implementation of the ACS.

DISCUSSION:

The Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Coast Water Board) is considering adopting proposed Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) Order No. R3-2011-0209 which addresses the cleanup of perchlorate in offsite groundwater discharged from the Olin Corporation site located at 425 Tennant Avenue, Morgan Hill, California. Resolution No. R3-2011-0210 considers the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings as presented in the attached proposed Resolution No. R3-2011-0210 (Resolution) associated with the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Olin Aquifer Containment and Cleanup System (ACS), and seeks concurrence from the Central Coast Water Board on these findings in adopting this Resolution. Per CEQA Guidelines section 15070, the Mitigated Negative Declaration, as reviewed by Responsible Agencies, the public, and other stakeholders, contains provisions or includes revisions to the project plans agreed to by the applicant (Olin) that will avoid or mitigate the effects such that no significant effects will occur as a result of implementing the ACS.

On March 1, 2011, Central Coast Water Board staff provided a Notice of Intent to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration to the public, responsible agencies, trustee agencies, and other interested persons. The Mitigated Negative Declaration, Initial Environmental Study, and announcement notices are available at:

http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/view_documents.asp?global_id=SL0608756247&document_id=5707362

The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration supports a conclusion that adoption of WDR Order No. R3-2011-0209 will not have a significant effect on the environment.

The proposed Resolution adopts the Mitigated Negative Declaration and certifies that it reflects proper assessment of the environmental impacts associated with the implementation of the ACS. Within five days of adopting the Resolution, Central Coast Water Board staff will file a Notice of Determination with the State Clearinghouse, thus completing the CEQA process and allowing Olin Corporation to proceed with implementation of the ACS and the cleanup of perchlorate in the offsite groundwater.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt proposed Resolution No. R3-2011-2010 approving the Mitigated Negative Declaration which allows Olin to proceed with implementation of the offsite ACS.

ATTACHMENT

1. Proposed Resolution No. R3-2011-0210

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